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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand, January 27, 1914.....	\$ 172.08
Receipts, January 27, 1914 to April 27, 1915	1,645.88
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$1,817.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary's Salary	\$1,012.50
Rent	297.57
Printing	142.95
Telephone	81.25
Office Expenses	68.65
Typewriter	24.00
Light.....	4.75
Aid to Two Laundry Girls.....	15.00
Half-Holiday Committee.....	15.00
Traveling Expenses, Mrs. Kelley	25.00
Dues, National Consumers' League.....	25.05
Dues, Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs	8.00
Child Labor Committee (Contribution, Chi- cago Woman's Club)	25.00
Incidentals.....	17.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$1,761.76
BALANCE, APRIL 27, 1915	56.20
TOTAL	\$1,817.96

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

(The last annual meeting of the Consumers' League of Illinois was held January 27, 1914. In order to bring the administrative year of our organization into closer conformity with its actual working year, and with the administrative years of affiliated and co-operating clubs, it was decided during 1914 to change the time of the annual meeting from mid-winter to spring. Accordingly, no report was published at the close of 1914, and the present report covers the period from January 28, 1914, to May 1, 1915, inclusive.)

The work of the Consumers' League toward improving the industrial conditions of wage-earning women and children takes two directions: (1) securing better laws and better enforcement of laws protecting women and minors; (2) increasing the sense of responsibility for industrial conditions among consumers. The efforts of the League in Illinois toward these ends, during 1914-15 led, first, to watching the enforcement of existing labor laws.

Court Attendance. Feeling how important a step in enforcement is the court trial of those accused of violating these statutes, the League undertook to have a representative in court at all trials of cases in Chicago brought by the Factory Department, such as violations of the Child Labor Law, the Ten Hour Law, the Health, Safety and Comfort Act, etc. From this observation of the working-out of these laws in court has come: (1) appreciation of the difficulty of enforcement inherent in the terms of the Ten Hour Law, and of how a law restricting women's hours should be worded so as to make it more enforceable; (2) a protest against the partisan enforcement of the Labor Laws on the part of one of the Judges on the municipal bench; (3) the formation of a Court Committee among League members, which is familiarizing itself

with these laws and which maintains an intelligently critical attitude toward the way they are administered by our Municipal Court.

One of the chief causes of the unenforceability of the Woman's Ten Hour Law is, that it is almost impossible to prove a violation in court unless the victim herself is willing to testify openly against her employer, thus risking her job to gain the protection of the law. During the year the Consumers' League gave some financial aid to two laundry girls who lost their jobs for testifying to overwork after their employer had **pleaded guilty** to breaking the Ten Hour Law! A letter protesting against the discharge of women for admitting to the authorities that they have been overworked, was prepared by the League, and after being signed by the leaders of organizations comprising 5,000 women, was sent to the Chicago Association of Commerce asking that body to pass resolutions condemning this practice among employers. But, to meet more adequately the various problems which the enforcement of these laws presents, the League has formulated a plan of re-organization to increase its facilities for this work, a full explanation of which has been sent to each member.

Besides regularly attending the factory case trials, the Secretary of the League has reviewed the cases disposed of, each month, with the Chief Factory Inspector.

The employes of the State Factory Department are, practically, political appointees. According to the Department Chief, over fifty per cent of the inspection force was changed during the first six months of his term of office. The inevitable influx of inexperienced men with each change of political party, wherever a department is not under the merit system, seriously lowers efficiency. Feeling that the Factory Department should be under civil service, the Consumers' League circularized the Cook County candidates for the legislature last October with cards favoring civil service for the Factory Department, which they were asked to sign. Of 141 candidates addressed, 74 replied favorably.

A New Child Labor Bill for Illinois. Attendance at court trials convinced the League that, while the terms of the present Child Labor Law are not, on the whole, diffi-

cult to enforce, they are quite inadequate. Therefore when a legislative program for the coming year was discussed, during the summer of 1914, the League's duty with regard to the child labor situation in Illinois seemed clear. The Consumers' League and the special agent of the National Child Labor Committee, then in Chicago, formed a local committee, which, from that time until the new Child Labor Bill was introduced, held frequent meetings to draft this new and better defense for the child workers of Illinois. The Shurtleff Bill, as drafted by the Committee, raises the minimum work age to sixteen years, except in agricultural and domestic service and during the summer vacation. It extends the eight hour day and the 7 p. m. closing hour to girls up to eighteen years, except girls over sixteen employed after 7 p. m. on the stage. And it raises the minimum age of night messengers to twenty-one years.

The Secretary visited a number of factories employing children under sixteen, and investigated the records of the Vocational Supervision Bureau and of the Factory Office to secure material in defense of the Bill. The League published and distributed a leaflet describing the Illinois child labor situation and the new Bill. The Vice-President of the League, as Chairman of Publicity, has interested the press throughout the State in the Bill; and as member of the Finance Committee, has secured contributions to keep a lobbyist at Springfield in its behalf. The Secretary of the League was sent to Springfield to attend the hearing on the bill before the Industrial Affairs Committee, March 31st.

The Summer Half-Holiday. Turning from its efforts for better legislation and better law enforcement, the following is a report of the work of the League to increase the interest of consumers in their responsibility for industrial conditions.

The Half-Holiday Joint Committee, having failed to secure the summer half-holiday in department stores at the south end of the loop by voluntary agreement, had turned its attention, in 1913, to legislative efforts. As these practically paralleled the efforts of the Consumers' League toward the abridgment of industrial hours, it was decided at a final meeting of the Half-Holiday Committee in February, 1914, to

merge with the League. Specific attempts to further the half-holiday by voluntary agreement were not altogether abandoned. The Consumers' League, in April, 1914, distributed some hundreds of the half-holiday appeals. To correct the erroneous impression spread by a newspaper article to the effect that nearly all Chicago department stores grant the summer half-holiday, a canvass of the retail stores in the loop district (ground floor establishments) was made by the Secretary with the kind assistance of the Vice-President and Mrs. Daland, Mrs. Sikes, and Mrs. Lyman, of the Board. A list of the 104 half-holiday firms in the more generally patronized lines was published in the newspaper in July. The full list of the 205 loop retail stores granting the half-holiday in 1914, is published at the end of this report.

As a by-product of the canvass, a millinery firm which was undecided about the half-holiday because it did not know what its competitors were doing, granted it when informed by the Consumers' League that all its rivals would do the same. A men's tailoring firm owning three stores previously closed two of them on Saturday afternoon during the summer, but kept the third open because it was connected with a hotel and was located in a part of the loop in which the stores are open on summer Saturday afternoons. Following the League's canvass, the manager of the third store sent word that he had yielded to argument and wished his place added to the list of half-holiday shops.

More Seats for Salesgirls. One of the most fatiguing factors in modern industry is the constant standing required in many occupations. This standing may actually be required by the nature of the work, or it may be "required" by the rules of the business, by the fact that seats are not provided, or that those provided are unsuited to the work, so the workers are at a disadvantage in using them.

Some or all of these conditions prevail in many factories and in the department stores, where the public has grown accustomed to seeing the saleswomen standing perpetually at their work. For these saleswomen and factory women the law says that a "reasonable number of suitable seats shall be provided." In the spring of 1914 the League asked the Chief Fac-

tory Inspector what was a reasonable number of seats behind the counters of department stores. The Chief decided that one seat for two women was "reasonable," and invited the League Secretary to accompany him on an investigation of the loop department stores to see what proportion of seats to women was actually provided. One seat for three women was found to be a general theoretical standard, which was, however, frequently disregarded in practice. A salesgirl said, "In busy times we're all busy at once and no one can sit down; but in slack times we're all free at once, and then we'd all like to sit down." According to this picture of department store life, one seat for each salesgirl would seem to be "reasonable." The suitability of some of the seats was questioned. These were little more than footstools. It was suggested that higher seats be provided. After inspecting all the stores, the Chief Inspector ordered them to provide one seat for every two women, with two seats for three women at the long counters.

The real need, however, is to bring about, not more seats merely, but more sitting down behind department store counters. Interviews with about thirty saleswomen in their homes showed that in some cases the attitude of department heads, in some the attitude of the firm, and often the attitude of purchasers, was responsible for the necessity of constant standing which most of the girls interviewed testified to. It was hoped, in a conference between the League Board and department store managers, to arrange a plan by which the amount of standing required could be reduced to a minimum.

A special Board meeting was called, but the managers refused to attend. It has since appeared to the League that a settlement in the question of more sitting down for salesgirls might be reached by test cases brought under Section 9 of the Health, Safety and Comfort Act, which says, of seats for women, that employers "shall provide a reasonable number of suitable seats . . . and shall permit the use of such seats at all times when such use would not actually and necessarily interfere with the proper discharge of the duties of such employes"; and under Section 11 of the Child Labor Law forbidding that girls "under sixteen years of age be employed in any capacity where such employment compels them to remain standing constantly."

Early Christmas Shopping. The campaign for early Christmas shopping began with a meeting for retail stores and their patrons called by the League October 17, 1914, and attended by representatives of Marshall Field & Co., Mandel Bros., Hillman Bros., A. M. Rothschild's, The Fair, A. C. McClurg's, and Hyman & Co., jewelers; and by members of thirteen women's clubs. As it was felt that early purchasing would help, in a measure, to relieve the prevailing unemployment, Mr. Lies, United Charities Superintendent, came and spoke of the increasing burden on his organization, due to lack of work. The Consumers' League exhibited a "Shop Now" card, asking that copies be distributed by the clubs represented at the meeting. Six thousand of these cards were distributed through clubs, churches, settlements, and individuals. A fac-simile cut was printed in the November Bulletin of the Woman's City Club, and 325 cards were taken by individuals who promised to mail them with a personal message on each card.

At the Shop Now conference the stores announced that they had their Christmas stock in readiness, and their Christmas boxes. These festive boxes were put on display in the stores about the first of November, instead of by Thanksgiving as before. An exceptional amount of publicity was given the League's efforts to induce early gift buying, thanks to the Publicity Chairman; and several loop department stores admitted some increase in early buying, and gave credit to the League campaign.

The Christmas rush season is a period of temptation to break the Woman's Ten Hour Law and the Child Labor Law. However, the Secretary of the League made the rounds of all the State Street department and Five and Ten Cent stores, and of a number of Milwaukee Avenue department stores, late in the afternoon before Christmas, and Christmas Eve, and found no cases of over ten hours' work among the saleswomen interviewed. The small number of purchasers in the stores visited did not seem to justify them for keeping open. Some stores were almost empty. In others, the crowd was merely "taking in" the Christmas display. A salesgirl in the toy department of one of the department stores at the south end

of the loop said that her department's sales for the three nights before Christmas had not justified keeping open evenings.

League Extension. During the year, the League held several open meetings for members and their friends. The first of these was a breakfast for Mrs. Glendower Evans of the Massachusetts Minimum Wage Commission, at the Chicago Woman's Club, on March 19th. Mrs. Evans spoke on Minimum Wage, and Representative John M. Curran, a League member, explained the failure of the Minimum Wage Bill in Illinois in 1913. President John Graham Brooks was guest of honor at a Consumers' League luncheon at the City Club, April 13th. President Brooks named the present the "consumers' age," and Miss Breckinridge spoke of the immediate responsibilities of consumers in Illinois. On the evening of May 5th, Mrs. Florence Kelley met a few of the League members informally and spoke to them about two pending Federal Bills—the Convict Labor Bill and the LaFollette Bill for Safety at Sea. The Shop Now for Christmas conference has already received mention. Another open meeting was held February 6th, for the purpose of discussing current work. Miss Addams spoke of the general organization and purposes of the League, and the Secretary reviewed the court work, work for the Child Labor Bill, and efforts toward bringing about more sitting down for salesgirls. Dr. Annabel Cleveland Test spoke of chronic ills caused by constant standing, and two former department store salesgirls described this hardship from personal experience.

The Secretary has spoken in the interest of the League before the following organizations:

Teachers of Delano School; Woman's Civic Club, Harvey, Ill.; Thirty-second Ward, Woman's Civic League; 49th Ave. Methodist Church, Woman's Circle; Sociology Club, University of Chicago; Chicago Woman's Club; Chicago Associate Alliance of Unitarian Women; Open Door Club, Bowmanville, Ill.; Irving Park Woman's Club; Woodlawn Woman's Club; Consumers' League Meeting; Woodlawn Baptist Church, Woman's Circle; Kewanee Woman's Club, Kewanee, Ill.; Ossoli Club, Highland Park, Ill.; Friday Club; Consumers' League Meeting; Consumers' League Meeting, Hubbard Woods, Ill.; Garfield Park Woman's Club; Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations; Mothers of the Temple, Messiah Baptist Church;

Lake Forest Woman's Club, Study Class; Woman's City Club; Eleanor Club IV.; Half-holiday Mass Meeting, Evanston, Ill.; Current Topic Club, Blue Island, Ill.; Western Springs Woman's Club; Lake Forest Woman's Club; Tenth District, Ill. Federation of Woman's Clubs, Highland Park; Woman's Club of Evanston; Consumers' League of Illinois; Woman's Loan Association; Woman's Club of Austin; Fortnightly Club of Englewood; Chicago South Side Club; Gad's Hill Woman's Club (2 addresses); Mass Meeting, 14th Ward Branch, Woman's City Club; Woodlawn Universalist Church; Elmhurst Woman's Club; Girl's Evening Hour Club, University of Chicago Settlement; Morgan Park Woman's Club; German-American Independent Woman's Club; Chicago Association of Jewish Women; Chicago Medical Women's Club; Longfellow Club, Oak Park, Ill.; Every Day Club; Social Service Club; Graduate Nurses Association; Chicago Woman's Club; Woman's Club, Temple Israel; Blue Island School, Parent-Teacher Association; Niké Club; Edmund Burke School, Parent-Teacher Association; Ravinia Park Woman's Club; Woman's Club of Evanston, Social Service Department; Chicago Political Equality League; Highland Park Woman's Club; Woman's Club, University of Chicago Settlement; Chicago Woman's Aid; Windsor Park Woman's Club; Arché Club; Berwyn Woman's Club; Consumers' League of Illinois; Aloa Circle, Oak Park Congregational Church; Third District, Ill. Federation of Woman's Clubs; Glen Ellyn Woman's Club; Parent-Teacher Association, Carter Practice School; Chicago Kindergarten Institute; Woman's Neighborhood Club, Armstrong School, Rogers Park; Cook County League of Woman's Clubs; Park Manor Woman's Club; 83rd Precinct, 25th Ward Civic League; Norwood Park Mothers' Club; Good-fellowship Club, Eli Bates Settlement; Woman's Club, Northwestern University Settlement.

Five woman's clubs have affiliated during the year. The League gratefully acknowledges the interest and support of these and of other previously affiliated organizations. The full list of affiliated members for 1914-15 includes:

- Woman's Club of Austin
- Chicago Culture Club
- Chicago Woman's Aid
- Chicago Woman's Club
- Woman's Club of Evanston
- Highland Park Woman's Club
- River Forest Woman's Club
- Winnetka Woman's Club.

Contributions from the Western Springs Woman's Club and the Blue Island Current Topic Club (not affiliated) are gratefully acknowledged. The individual membership of the League has increased over fifty per cent.

To further extend interest in the League and its work, letters were sent early in October to prominent ministers in Chicago and the suburbs, asking them to observe the Sunday before Thanksgiving as Consumers' League Day in their churches. One of these ministers later helped to distribute Shop Now cards, and promised to help in a Seats for Sales-girls campaign.

In addition to its Shop Now cards, and the Child Labor leaflets, the League published, in the spring of 1914, and has since distributed widely, a leaflet describing one of the problems in laundries and urging consumers to help regularize work in the laundry trade by breaking the usual habit of sending bundles on Monday, or later, to be returned by Saturday, which causes a rush at the week-end and leaves no work in the laundry to begin on, Monday morning. Besides this leaflet, the League has published, since the last annual meeting, the Shop Now card, press statements on the summer half-holiday and the Shurtleff Bill, and the leaflet on the Child Labor Law.

Following is the list of ground floor retail establishments in the loop district which granted the Saturday half-holiday during the summer of 1914, together with their Saturday closing hour and the number of months in which they gave the half-holiday. The stores listed are included in the district bounded by the north side of Lake Street, the east side of Michigan Avenue, the south side of Van Buren Street, and the west side of Fifth Avenue; with the addition of the small area south of Van Buren Street to the south side of Hubbard Court from Michigan Avenue to the west side of Wabash Avenue, inclusive.

NAME OF FIRM	CLOSING HOUR	MONTHS
Adding Machines		
Comptometer Adding Machine, 14 S. Dearborn	1:00 p. m.....	12
Art Stores		
Arthur Ackerman, 620 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Anderson Co., 426 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Moulton & Ricketts, 75 E. Van Buren.....	1:00 p. m.....	3

NAME OF FIRM	CLOSING HOUR	MONTHS
Henry Reinhardt, Congress Hotel Annex..	1:00 p. m.....	3
W. Scott Thurber, 408 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Artists' Materials		
A. H. Abbott, 127 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Billiard Tables		
Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., 623 S. Wabash	12:00 noon.....	3
Books		
A. C. McClurg, 218 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Pilgrim Press, 17 W. Jackson.....	12:00 noon.....	3
Cash Registers		
National Cash Register Co., 16 E. Randolph	1:00 p. m.....	2
St. Louis Cash Register Co., 189 N. Dearborn	1:00 p. m.....	2
Chemists' Supplies		
E. H. Sargent, 125 W. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	8
China		
Burley & Tyrrell, 7 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Pitkin & Brooks.....		
Church Supplies		
H. Wiltzius, 76 W. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Children's Clothing		
A. Starr Best, 1 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Women's Apparel		
Blum, 524 S. Michigan.....		
Blackstone Shop, 628 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Ferguson Co., 318 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Kathryn V. Hartigan, 600 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Hellesoe-Streit, 2 N. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Leiser & Co., 324 S. Michigan.....	All day closing...	2
Lincoln Bartlett, 314 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Coffee		
Chicago Coffee Mills, 53 E. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Confectionery		
Plows, 61 E. Madison	2:30 p. m.....	2
Corsets		
Goodwin Corset Co., 57 E. Madison.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
H. W. Gossard Co., 37 S. State	1:00 p. m.....	2

NAME OF FIRM	CLOSING HOUR	MONTHS
H. W. Gossard Co., 310 S. Michigan	1:00 p. m.....	2
Curios		
Mexican Armadillo Curio Co., 164 N. Fifth Ave.....	1:30 p. m.....	12
Department Stores		
Carson Pirie Scott & Co., State and Madison	1:00 p. m.....	2
Marshall Field & Co., State and Washington	1:00 p. m.....	2
Mandel Bros. State and Washington.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Chas. A. Stevens, State and Washington..	1:00 p. m.....	2
Drawing Materials		
Eugene Dietzgen, 166 W. Monroe.....	1:00 p. m.....	4
Electrical Appliances		
Central Electric Co., 320 S. Fifth Ave.....	1:00 p. m.....	12
Commonwealth Electric Shop, Jackson and Michigan	1:00 p. m.....	2
Thor Shop (Laundry Machinery), 24 E. Jackson	1:00 p. m.....	2
Manhattan Electric Supply Co., 114 S. Fifth Ave.....	1:00 p. m.....	12
J. W. Cronk Electrical Co., 125 N. Fifth Ave.....	1:00 p. m.....	4
Engravers		
C. H. Hanson, 178 N. Clark.....	1:00 p. m.....	6
Express		
Adams Express Co., 20 W. Washington....	1:00 p. m.....	4
American Express Co., 23 W. Monroe.....	1:00 p. m.....	4
Furnishings (Men's)		
Burns & Grassie, 107 S. Dearborn.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Capper & Capper, Monroe and Michigan....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Capper & Capper, Hotel Sherman.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Fifield & Stevenson, 328 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Kaskel & Kaskel, 232 S. Michigan.....	12:30 p. m.....	3
S. F. Wilson, 21 E. Jackson.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Furniture		
William Baumgarten, Antique Furniture, 616 S. Michigan	1:00 p. m.....	3
Colby, 29 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	2½

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Theo. Neilson Co., 38 N. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Albert Pick & Co., 208 W. Randolph.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
A. H. Revell, Adams and Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3
Scholle, 121 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	2
Tobey Company, 33 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Office Furniture		
American Desk Co., 176 W. Lake.....	2:00 p. m.....	5
A. H. Andrews, 117 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Chicago Safe & Merchandise Co., 32 W. Lake	1:00 p. m.....	2
Globe-Wernicke, 235 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Heslop & Ryland, 168 W. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
W. H. Mohr, 307 S. Fifth Ave.....	3:00 p. m.....	12
Sabath Desk Co., 518 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	4
Shaw-Walker, 109 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Fireplaces		
William Hoops, 631 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Graphophones		
Edison Shop, 229 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Hats (Men's)		
Dunlap & Co., 53 E. Jackson.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Shayne, 103 S. State	1:00 p. m.....	2
Hatters' Supplies		
Peppas & Alex Co., 166 N. Fifth Ave.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Hardware		
Orr & Lockett, 14 W. Randolph.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Walburn & Kling Co., 327 S. Clark.....	1:00 p. m.....	4
Stanley Works, 73 E. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	12
(Builders' Hardware.)		
Barbee Co., 170 N. Dearborn.....	12:00 noon.....	12
(Wire and Iron.)		
M. H. Hubay, 154 N. Dearborn.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
(Wire and Iron.)		
Heaters		
Callahan Steam and Water Heaters, 183 N. Fifth Ave.....	1:00 p. m.....	12
Williamson Heater Co., 189 N. Dearborn....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Interior Decorators		
Almini Co., 19 N. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3

NAME OF FIRM	CLOSING HOUR	MONTHS
W. P. Nelson Co., 614 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Jewelry		
Bauman & Co., 41 S. State.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Berg & Co., 516 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Dreicer & Co., 638 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Frederic, 15 E. Washington.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Hyman & Co., Washington & State.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Lebolt, 161 S. State	1:00 p. m.....	2
Kalo Shop, Michigan and Washington.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
C. D. Peacock, 416 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Joseph Ruff, 321 S. Fifth Ave.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Spaulding, Michigan and Van Buren.....	12:30 p. m.....	3
Kitchenware		
John D. Bangs & Co., 421 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Lighting Fixtures		
W. S. Edwards Mfg. Co., 65 W. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
C. G. Everson, 70 W. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Hummel Light and Fixture Co., 106 W. Lake	1:00 p. m.....	2
Victor Pearlman, 75 E. Adams.....	1:00 p. m.....	4
T. W. Wilmarth, 77 E. Harrison.....	12:00 noon.....	3
Linens		
Linen Store, 34 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Leather Findings		
Langendorf & Voght, 37 S. Fifth Ave.....	1:00 p. m.....	5
Millinery		
Antonette, 310 S. Wabash	2:00 p. m.....	2
Bennett Co., 614 S. Michigan.....	12:00 noon.....	2
Conway-Keller, 433 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
French Hat Shop, 69 E. Congress.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Fallon & Co., 59 E. Congress.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Howieson, 4 South Michigan.....	12:00 noon.....	2
Lurkin & Weeks, 8 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Palmer, 640 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Miscellaneous		
Woman's Exchange, 67 E. Madison.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Music		
Gamble Hinged Music Co., 65 E. Van Buren	1:00 p. m.....	3

NAME OF FIRM	CLOSING HOUR	MONTHS
Clayton Summy, 62 E. Van Buren.....	1:00 p. m.....	3

Opticians

W. G. Beek, 21 N. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	2
Almer Coe, 134 N. State.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Almer Coe, 82 E. Jackson	1:00 p. m.....	2
Almer Coe, 6 S. LaSalle.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Joyce & Kirchner, 51 E. Madison.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Arthur McDougall, 31 E. Madison.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
L. Manasse Co., 35 W. Adams.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Watry & Heidkamp, 56 W. Randolph.....	1:00 p. m.....	2

Paint

Bridgeport Wood Finishing Co., 78 W. Lake	1:00 p. m.....	3
Geo. E. Watson, 62 W. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	3

Pens

Waterman Fountain Pen Co., 115 S. Clark..	1:00 p. m.....	5
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Pianos

Baldwin, 323 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3
Julius Bauer, 305 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Bryant, 33 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3
Cable Piano Co., Wabash and Jackson.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Central Piano Co., 237 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Crown Piano Co., 214 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
John Church, 225 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Kimball, Wabash and Jackson	1:00 p. m.....	3
King Piano Co., 338 S. Wabash	12:00 noon.....	3
Lyon & Healy, Wabash and Adams.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Louis B. Malecki & Co., 337 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Meyer & Weber, 112 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3
F. G. Smith, 311 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3
Steger & Sons, Wabash and Jackson.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Story & Clark, 315 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3
J. O. Twitchell, 234 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Vose & Sons, 309 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3
Wurlitzer, 319 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3

Physicians' Supplies

Edw. Koeber & Co., 165 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Truax Greene & Co., 171 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2

Plumbing

E. Baggot Co., 17 E. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
W. A. Davidson, 414 Sherman	12:00 noon.....	12
J. T. Beggs & Son, 33 W. Lake.....	12:00 noon.....	12
F. W. Fullmer, 181 N. LaSalle.....		
Murphy Keely Co., 23 E. Congress	1:00 p. m.....	12

Rugs

Costikyan & Co., 67 E. Monroe.....	12:00 noon.....	2
Nahigian Bros., 122 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Pushman Bros., 16 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	2
Richardson, 436 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	2

Rubber Goods

W. H. Salisbury & Co., 105 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	5
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Screws

American Screw Co., 69 E. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
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Sewing Machines

New Home, 427 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
White, 24 W. Lake	1:00 p. m.....	2
Willcox & Gibbs, 63 E. Van Buren	1:00 p. m.....	3

Shoes

Geo. C. Bruns Co., 74 E. Madison St.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
F. E. Foster Co., 125 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
French, Shriner & Urner, 106 S. Michigan	1:00 p. m.....	2
Hanan, 27 N. State	1:00 p. m.....	2
Hanan, 74 E. Jackson	1:00 p. m.....	2
Martin & Martin, 326 S. Michigan	1:00 p. m.....	2
C. W. Merks Shoe Co., 41 S. Fifth.....	1:00 p. m.....	12
Feis Co., (Shoe Supplies), 31 S. Fifth.....	1:30 p. m.....	2

Safes

Diebold Safe Co., 122 S. Fifth Ave.....	12:00 noon.....	2
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Scales

Toledo Scale Co., 184 N. Dearborn.....	1:00 p. m.....	12
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Silversmiths

Crichton Bros., 622 S. Michigan.....	12:00 noon.....	3
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Sporting Goods

A. G. Spalding, 30 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2½
Wright & Ditson, 119 N. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	2

NAME OF FIRM

CLOSING HOUR

MONTHS

Stationery

Baker-Vawter Co., 20 S. Clark	1:00 p. m.....	5
Burr-Vack, 511 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	4 1/2
Cameron-Amberg Co., 15 W. Lake	1:00 p. m.....	5
S. D. Childs & Co., 136 S. Clark	1:00 p. m.....	5
Dunwell & Ford, 114 S. Wabash	1:00 p. m.....	3
Faithorn Co., 181 W. Jackson	1:00 p. m.....	4
Baldwin, 318 S. LaSalle	1:00 p. m.....	5
DeLong, Coles & Co., 309 S. LaSalle	1:00 p. m.....	12
Marshall, Jackson Co., 24 S. Clark.....	1:00 p. m.....	5
Geo. E. Cole & Co., 116 N. Dearborn	1:00 p. m.....	5
Biddle & Wunderle Co., 25 N. Dearborn.....	1:00 p. m.....	5
Pettibone & Co., 18 S. LaSalle	1:00 p. m.....	5
R. A. Salisbury-Schultz, 159 W. Randolph..	1:00 p. m.....	12
Stevens, Malony & Co., 21 S. LaSalle.....	1:00 p. m.....	5

Stoves

Northwest. Stove Repair Co., 22 W. Lake..	12:00 noon.....	4
J. H. Farquerson, 23 W. Lake	12:00 noon.....	3

Steamship Tickets*

Anchor Line, 35 W. Randolph	2:00 p. m.....	12
Cunard Line, 149 N. Dearborn.....	2:00 p. m.....	12
Hamburg-American, 150 W. Randolph.....	1:00 p. m.....	12

Tailors

Becwar Bros, 135 S. Fifth Ave.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Jerrems, 25 E. Jackson	1:00 p. m.....	2
Jerrems, 71 E. Monroe	1:00 p. m.....	2
Jerrems, 7. N. LaSalle	1:00 p. m.....	2
McBride Bros., 534 S. Michigan	1:00 p. m.....	2
Shubert & Kitchin, 63 E. Monroe	1:00 p. m.....	2
Tanner & Conley, 72 W. Washington.....	1:00 p. m.....	2

Trunks

Haskell Bros., 22 N. Michigan	1:00 p. m.....	2
Indestructo Luggage Co., 210 S. Michigan	1:00 p. m.....	2

*The long list of railway offices closing early on Saturdays is omitted. Formerly these offices closed at 5 o'clock; but several years ago they entered into an agreement according to which every railway office in Chicago closes at 3:00 p. m. throughout the year, except "foreign" railway offices, which close at 1:00 p. m.

NAME OF FIRM	CLOSING HOUR	MONTHS
J. H. McNamara, 109 W. Monroe.....	1:00 p. m.....	3
Taylor Trunk Co., 28 E. Randolph.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Charles T. Wilt, 226 S. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2

Typewriters

Oliver Typewriter Co., 159 N. Dearborn....	1:00 p. m.....	2
L. C. Smith & Bros., 123 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	12

Tags

Dennison Co., 62 E. Randolph	1:00 p. m.....	4
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Underwear

Jaeger Underwear, 20 N. Michigan.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
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Vacuum Cleaners

Tuec Co., 187 N. Dearborn	1:00 p. m.....	12
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Wall Paper

American Wall Paper Co., 11 E. Lake.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
Henry Bosch, 525 S. Wabash	12:00 noon.....	3
A. Peats, 25 S. Wabash	12:00 noon.....	3
Remien & Kuhnert, 139 N. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	3

Wagons

Studebaker Co., 623 S. Wabash.....	1:00 p. m.....	2
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Wringers

American Wringer Co., 15 E. Lake	1:00 p. m.....	12
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